

A SALFORD QUIZ BOOK



THE OLD BULL'S HEAD, GREENGATE, SALFORD.

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QUESTIONS

1. Which was the first public park to be opened in Salford?.
2. In 1956 a popular local theatre changed its name. What was it called before and after the change?.
3. Which Salfordian climbed 39 steps?.
4. The ghost of 'Owd Billy' is said to be seen riding a grey mare in Brindleheath on moonlit nights. Who was 'Owd Billy'?.
5. On November 9th, 1963 this sport ended in Salford after many hundreds of years. What was the sport?.
6. Where was the last road crossing to be regularly manned by police?.
7. Which Salford actor was granted a Papal Knighthood in 1977?.
8. In which year did Salford Police Force move into their new headquarters at the Crescent?.
9. A world famous film was shot in Salford in September 1953. What is it's title?.
10. A chief constable of Salford for over 38 years died in November 1946. Who was he?.

QUESTIONS

11. When was the East Lancashire Road officially opened?.
12. On which local bridge was there once a prison?.
13. Which world famous teetotal society was formed in Bolton Street in 1835?.
14. Railway travellers from the year 1839 onwards will have been grateful to this Pendleton man. Who was he?
15. When did the present Salford Rugby Social Club, now known as the 'Willows Variety Centre', open?
16. The six Marchant brothers were all famous local boxers. Give their first names.
17. In which two areas of Salford were the first smokeless zones introduced in 1955?.
18. On April 21st 1926 one of Salford's proudest moments occurred. What was the event?.
19. Which famous 'headmaster' was educated at Gardner Street Higher Grade School?.
20. Why are 'Dawney Hills', near to Barr Hill on Bolton Road, so called?.

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21. The following four railway stations all closed between the years 1942 and 1959 - Ordsall, Weaste, Cross Lane, Seedley. In which order did they close?.
22. Which Salfordian was reported missing in March 1979 but was found a few days later?.
23. 'Little Dolly Daydream' has connections with Salford Cathedral. What are they?.
24. Where was Broken Bank?.
25. How did Irlans o'th Height get its name.
26. When did the first Salford Corporation bus make its maiden trip.
27. Where was Victoria Arch?.
28. What role did Langworthy Road School play in the first World War?.
29. Salford Cross stood at the junction of Greengate and Gravel Lane. Which famous Evangelist preached there in 1747?.
30. Where was there a zoo in Salford?.

QUESTIONS

31. The site of this church was once on the SOUTH bank of the River Irwell but now lies on the northern side. What was the name of the Church?.
32. The following public houses have all changed their names. What were they called formerly? Flat Iron, The Paddock, Golden Gate.
33. Where was Highfield Reservoir?.
34. Minor earth tremors have occurred throughout Salford's history. What is their cause?.
35. What building once stood on the site of the present day Langworthy Flats?.
36. Which well known Salford Brewery was absorbed by the Wilson group in 1949?.
37. It's address is 4305 Sulgrave Road, Richmond. What is it?.
38. Pankhurst Hall, named after suffragette Emily Pankhurst, was burnt to the ground in 1979. What was it in use as at the time of the fire?
39. A world piano playing record was set up in a marquee on Eccles New Road in December 1951. What was the name of the piano player?.
40. What is the monument that stands in the centre of the Windsor roundabout at the top of Cross Lane?.

ANSWERS

1. Peel Park in August 1846.
2. The Salford Royal Hippodrome was taken over by the Buckley Group and renamed the Windsor Theatre.
3. Robert Powell, who starred in the film of that name.
4. William Douglas, owner of Douglas Green Mill, Pendleton. Nicknamed 'Black Douglas' because of his brutal treatment of employees, he died in 1810.
5. The last horse race was held at the Manchester Racecourse, which was of course, in Salford.
6. At the junction of Chapel Street and Irwell Street. Traffic lights were switched on in December 1961.
7. Joe Gladwin who, as a child, attended Mount Carmel School.
8. 1957
9. 'Hobson's Choice', starring John Mills and Brenda de Banzie.
10. Major Godfrey, who, during his police career, introduced many new techniques into the fields of accident and crime prevention.

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11. On July 18th 1934, by King George V.
12. On Salford Bridge (now Victoria Bridge) where, in 1505, the small chapel on the bridge was converted into a prison.
13. The Independent Order of Rechabites which was formed on August 25th at Meadowcroft's Temperance Hotel.
14. George Bradshaw who started publishing his famous railway timetables in 1839.
15. June 16th 1966. This was the same year that floodlighting was installed at the ground.
16. Billy, Teddy, Jack, Mark, Albert, Matty.
17. Fairhope and Ladywell.
18. The borough of Salford received letters patent raising it to the status of a City.
19. Will Hay, the comedian who often played the part of a bumbling headmaster in his films.
20. Because they overlook the site of Agecroft Hall, once the residence of the Dauntsey family.

ANSWERS

21. Wensley in October 1942
Seedley in January 1956
Ordsall in February 1957
Cross Lane in July 1959
22. Local actor Albert Finney who was reported missing whilst touring South America.
23. This song, together with 'Lily of Laguna' and other popular hits, was composed by Leslie Stuart who was once the organist at the Cathedral.
24. It was the old name for the Adelphi end of the Crescent.
25. It was named after Peter Irlam who was the licensee of the Pack Horse Hotel in the early 1700s. The hotel, which stood on the early stage coach route overlooked the surrounding area. Hence - Irlams o'th Height.
26. On July 25th 1920.
27. At the entrance to Peel Park. The structure was built in 1860 to commemorate the second visit of Queen Victoria to Peel Park in 1857. Traffic vibration later made it unsafe and it was pulled down in 1937.
28. It was temporarily converted into a military hospital.
29. John Wesley.
30. On the site of the old Broughton High School, Northumberland Street, from 1838 to 1842.

ANSWERS

31. St. Simons church, demolished in 1926. When the course of the river was altered in the 1970s to prevent flooding, the site of the church changed banks.
32. Royal Hotel, Fusiliers Arms, Craven Heifer.
33. Langworthy Park, popularly called Chimney Pot Park, stands on the site of this former reservoir, hence the nearby Reservoir Street.
34. The Pendleton Fault, a rock fracture that runs along the Irwell Valley.
35. The Salford Workhouse, built in 1852 and demolished in 1926.
36. Walker & Homfrays who owned the Woodside Brewery in Wilmslow Street, Eccles New Road.
37. Agecroft Hall, which was dismantled and shipped across to America in 1926. It now stands in Richmond, Virginia.
38. It was the Astor Bingo Hall on St. James's Road, Broughton.
39. Syncopating Sandy Strickland, who played for 227 hours.
40. It is a memorial to Oliver Heywood, the Salford Benefactor, who lived at 'Claremont', Pendleton.



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